

SUBCHAPTER C—MINERALS MANAGEMENT (3000)

Group 3000—Minerals Management

NOTE: The information collection requirements contained in part 3000 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3507 and assigned clearance number 1004-0145. The information is being collected to allow the authorized officer to determine if the applicant applying to engage in exploratory activity on the public lands is qualified to engage in that activity. This information will be used in making that determination. The obligation to respond is required to obtain a benefit.

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AUTHORITY: Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended and supplemented (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*), the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351–359), the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 3101 *et seq.*), the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*), the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 471 *et seq.*), the Act of May 21, 1930 (30 U.S.C. 301–306), the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (Pub. L. 97–35), the Independent Offices Appropriations Act of 1952 (31 U.S.C. 483a), the Department of the Interior Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 1981 (42 U.S.C. 6508), and the Attorney General's Opinion of Apr. 2, 1941 (40 Op. Atty. Gen. 41).

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§ 3000.0–5 Definitions.

As used in Groups 3000 and 3100 of this title, the term:

(a) *Gas* means any fluid, either combustible or noncombustible, which is produced in a natural state from the earth and which maintains a gaseous or rarefied state at ordinary temperatures and pressure conditions.

(b) *Oil* means all nongaseous hydrocarbon substances other than those substances leasable as coal, oil shale or gilsonite (including all vein-type solid hydrocarbons).

(c) *Secretary* means the Secretary of the Interior.

(d) *Director* means the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

(e) *Authorized officer* means any employee of the Bureau of Land Management authorized to perform the duties described in Group 3000 and 3100.

(f) *Proper BLM office* means the Bureau of Land Management office having jurisdiction over the lands subject to the regulations in Groups 3000 and 3100, except that all oil and gas lease offers, and assignments or transfers for lands in Alaska shall be filed in the Alaska State Office, Anchorage, Alaska.

(See § 1821–2–1 of this title for office location and area of jurisdiction of Bureau of Land Management offices.)

(g) *Public domain lands* means lands, including mineral estates, which never left the ownership of the United States, lands which were obtained by the United States in exchange for public domain lands, lands which have reverted to the ownership of the United States through the operation of the public land laws and other lands specifically identified by the Congress as part of the public domain.

(h) *Acquired lands* means lands which the United States obtained by deed through purchase or gift, or through condemnation proceedings, including lands previously disposed of under the public land laws including the mining laws.